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### **Seaford Man Arrested for Dealing Child Pornography**

*Tip from social networking website leads to charges*

**Georgetown** – Following a tip from a social networking website suspicious that an adult was using it to communicate with underage girls, the Delaware Child Predator Task Force arrested a Seaford resident on 20 counts of dealing in child pornography yesterday, Attorney General Beau Biden announced.

“Child predators may think their online actions are anonymous and free from consequences, but the vigilance, technology, and training of the Delaware Child Predator Task Force ensures they are held accountable,” said Attorney General Biden.

On December 7, members of the Delaware Child Predator Task Force along with Delaware State Police Troopers executed a search warrant at 23936 E. Middlecord Circle in Seaford. The warrant was obtained based on information gathered during an investigation that had begun after law enforcement received a tip from social networking site “myYearbook.” The website, which claims 20 million members, believed that an adult was posing as a juvenile in order to initiate communication with girls under 18, and had exposed his genitals to minors in several video chat sessions. During the search, the Task Force seized three computers, other assorted digital media, and several computer printouts of pornographic images. When questioned, the 45-year-old resident of the house, Steven Gerard Cox, admitted to posing as a 14- or 15-year-old boy on myYearbook in order to attract the interest of girls of that age, who he subsequently propositioned for lewd images of themselves. Cox also told investigators that he had been arrested in 1995 in Monmouth County, New Jersey for lewdness and for exposing himself to several 16-year-old females.

Based on the investigation, Cox was arrested and charged with 20 counts of dealing in child pornography. After arraignment at JP Court 2, he was committed to Sussex Correctional Institute in lieu of \$200,000 secured bail. The ongoing investigation will involve further examination of the computers seized, as well as collaboration with New Jersey law enforcement.

A mug shot of Cox follows.

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